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The GFWC West Virginia

CLUBWOMAN

SPRING 2021

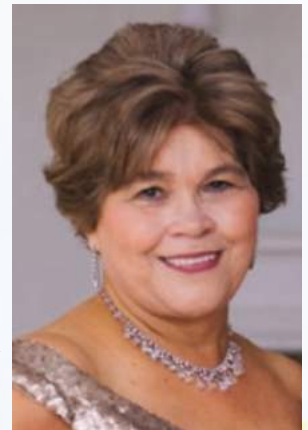


The official newsletter of the GFWC West Virginia

Helen Moren, President—moren4391@comcast.net

GFWC WV Membership: Terri Diamond, Chairman

With the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic year behind us, let's concentrate on this year in a bright way in federation. Spring is just around the corner; we need to get refreshed with our membership by sweeping up our knowledge on our duties as club members. We are in our Recognition (March-April-May) phase of recruitment campaign. With this phase we are to recognize who we are and what we do for our community. Ours clubs just finished their 2020 reports on what projects they completed and recognition awards will be announced at our State Convention in a few weeks. This is a good way to show others what your club has been doing and what to look for in the future this year. Let's discuss tips on how to "Promote the Value of GFWC" in your club. We do this through the eyes, and the work of the hands, of each club member.



- GFWC Communication Tools offer up-to-date information to keep members and clubs informed and connected.
- GFWC's website (www.GFWC.org) is our cornerstone communications resource that provides timely information for GFWC news and information.
- GFWC Clubwoman Magazine, our quarterly glossy magazine.
- Get the latest GFWC information delivered straight to your inbox with *News & Notes*, GFWC's weekly e-newsletter.
- "Like" GFWC on Facebook to join in the conversation – find the latest updates, photos, events and more right in your News Feed.
- Share your GFWC stories, connect with fellow members, and participate for special prizes and offers. Go to www.Facebook.com/GFWCMembers to get started.
- For up-to-the-minute updates of Federation activities, follow @GFWCHQ on Twitter (www.Twitter.com).

For local promotion of your club, use all the resources that are available: your local newspaper, radio stations, billboards, and social media. The newest and fastest way of promoting is through the internet. Lots of clubs use this tool for many reasons. Find out from your club president or your public communications chairman on how to receive your club information.

It's hard to believe that we are still struggling with the Covid-19 pandemic and having to start our 2021 club year with this pandemic still in our sight, but I hope you are getting your vaccinations as soon as they are available to you. We need to use technology to connect with our club members. Participate and communicate using our knowledge and experience in emailing, text messaging, social media, and virtual meetings (Zoom) in GFWC. Let us hear about how you use these technology tools in recognizing your club members.

Visit www.gfwc.org and www.gfwcwestvirginia.org for more information on membership.

Buzzing with WV Federation Love,
Terri

From the Director of Junior Clubs, Dusty Smith



Good day to all of my Federation Sisters. I hope everyone stayed warm and didn't lose their electric during February's snow and ice storm. People in my community were out of electric for 10-15 days, I was lucky and only lost it for roughly 24 hours. During the ice storm, one of our trees in our front yard fell down, so once the weather gets better, I plan to make a sunflower room around that stump to help out the honey bees and make my yard prettier.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our State Convention, even if it is virtually. I hope everyone has bought their raffle tickets for the baskets and the statewide collective quilt. If you haven't had the chance to check out these cool prizes, you can find the quilt in the Winter Newsletter and on the GFWC West Virginia Juniors Facebook page. Also, I have received word from a fellow Junior Director Socorro of Tennessee that several VA hospitals haven't been getting enough donations for female hygiene products. West Virginia wasn't mentioned but including feminine products may be something to consider when making donations in the future.

Dusty

GFWC WEST VIRGINIA OFFICERS 2020-2022

- President—Helen Moren
- President-elect—Cathy Jo Bryant
- First Vice President—Natalie Hinkle
- Second Vice President—Terri Diamond
- Recording Secretary—Rosemary Thomas
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- Director of Junior Clubs—Dusty Smith

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The **Woman's Club of Wheeling** offered its members an inspiring program with guest speaker, Sherrie Dunlevy, at the February 19th meeting. Sherrie is the author of the best selling book, "How Can I Help—Your Go-To-Guide for Helping Loved Ones Through Life's Difficulties." Sherrie's message of encouragement to our members to step out of our fears so that we can step up to support those we love in times of grief and loss was truly appreciated. By sharing her personal journey, our members openly shared their experiences at the meeting. This was an inspirational and valuable program that helped our members deal with the topic of grief and recovery.

**DALTON LAW OFFICES in
PETERSTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA**

Congratulates

***Peterstown
Woman's Club***

**for its 70 years of buzzing around in
community service
and**

EUGENA THOMAS

for your 50 years of membership!



About 23 pairs of filled socks were delivered to Recovery Point Rehabilitation Center for their residents. Filled with candy and toiletries and some not filled. **Judy Parrish** pictured with R.J. Jones Program Manager on 12/12/2020.



Club president, **Jayne Whitlow**; treasurer, **Sharon Niday**; Cardinal Market chairperson, **Carmen Hathaway**, with our table at Cardinal Market.



Poinsettia sale **Linda Walker**, **Judy Parrish**, **Linda Taylor**, **Sharon Niday**



Gift wrap at Grand Central Mall: **Linda Walker** and **Judy Parrish**

GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club

In spite of the worldwide pandemic, **GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club** has continued to work on projects crucial to our community, while still being committed to the safety and health of our members. Our membership chair began the year with a drive-by Dues Tea, allowing our 96 members to pay dues and pick up important information without leaving their vehicles. In addition, as the year progressed, in an attempt to reach members who did not feel comfortable meeting in person, President **Jayne Whitlow** began live-streaming meetings on our private Facebook page until December when the virus halted all in-person meetings.

With so much other entertainment curtailed, the Education and Libraries CSP has found that our eight Little Free Libraries are being used quite heavily! These continue to be refilled on a weekly or bi-weekly basis, with the addition of crayons and coloring books for Christmas. In addition to our eight little libraries, the committee also established the first laundromat library in West Virginia and we continue to stock it regularly.

In July, chair of the Domestic Violence Prevention project assembled items for 20 Assault Survivor Kits, presenting them to the Family Crisis Intervention Center along with a \$125 donation.

The Environment CSP met in December to prepare 16 containers of milkweed seeds, which need winter weather to germinate. In the spring, they will be planted in a butterfly garden at the Wood County Library.

An integral part of our club's mission, fundraising, under the leadership of **Jody Stewart**, began with the sale of 235 autumn mums. An "out of the box" project was the sale of jams, jellies, candy, and popcorn at the Cardinal Market in Grand Central Mall for the months of October through December. This store not only raised needed funds, but also heightened awareness of our club in the community. Another of our annual fundraisers was the sale of poinsettias, wreaths, swags and charms, netting a profit of over \$1,000, in addition to the sale of Terri Lynn Nuts. The final fundraiser before Christmas was a gift wrap station in Grand Central Mall, which we manned from December 7 through Christmas Eve. While the COVID virus caused traffic at the mall to be lighter than usual, gift wrappers worked hard to exceed our COVID-reduced goal. Other community projects included working at the Holiday in the Park light display, filling Christmas socks with toiletries, candies, and socks for veterans and the homeless, and laying a wreath at the Veterans' Memorial in City Park on Veterans Day.

The Health and Wellness CSP, which operates the Brown Bag food program for two area schools, recently received a grant from the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation for \$6,085. In addition to a generous gift of \$2,000 from the New Hope Baptist Church, this will assure continuation of one of our most vital programs.

COVID-19 may have meant that we have to approach our activities a little differently, but it hasn't kept us from our commitment to serve the greater Parkersburg community!

GFWC Woman's Club of Point Pleasant

We received thanks from the Lakin Hospital residents for our donations for "Operation Santa" in December.



"We want to thank you so much for the donations for our residents. We are so blessed to live in such a wonderful, caring community who remember our residents."

This year especially is difficult with the COVID restrictions. The residents can't be with their families, go out shopping, go see Christmas lights or go out to eat.

Also, who made the beautiful quilts? It is going to be a hard choice as to

which residents get them. Everything was wonderful and I know the residents will love everything they get.

May you all have a blessed and safe holiday. Merry Christmas and hopefully a much better New Year."

GFWC Mountaineer Woman's Club

The State President's project -Recovery Homes in WV - **Barbara Haddad** brings a "piggy bank" to all the meetings. We currently have a little over \$30 collected to benefit this project. A possible project was presented. The Rev. Dr. Matthew Johnson at the Suncrest United Methodist Church is the executive director of three recovery homes that will be coming to the Morgantown area soon. They will need supplies for these houses. It was suggested that perhaps we could hold a bedroom/bathroom/kitchen shower for one of the houses.

We had a virtual guest speaker at the November meeting from the Monongalia and Preston Counties Literacy Organization. She talked about literacy and gave statistics about how the program has helped improve the lives of the clients. She also talked about the mailbox libraries and how the organization manages them. They work with the local libraries to stock the boxes. Arrangements have been made with the Dominion Post to locate our "mailbox" library (take a book, leave a book) between the rail trail and the Dominion Post building. We will wait until spring when the weather should be better to "plant" it. One of the needs of the organization is to have English speaking people join in a chat room so that foreign speaking people will learn the speech patterns of the English language.

At the November meeting the attendees signed Christmas cards and taped a toboggan hat ornament, which some of the members made, to the outside of the envelope. They completed 125, which were delivered to various local and the VA nursing homes. A small, sweet treat accompanied the card.

GFWC North Central Junior Alumnae Club

NCJAC has been confirmed for the 2021 GFWC Baby Blanket, Baby Hat, and NICU Mom Care Package Challenge for the March of Dimes. This is our "Stay at Home Project" for January, February, and March. We will gather our items together into one shipment at the end of each month.

For the December "Outreach Project", 256 pairs of socks totaling \$530.64 were distributed to The Mustard Seed, Clarksburg Mission, Marion County United Way, Hope Inc., and the Clarksburg VA Hospital.

For their January "Outreach Project" they collected coats, hats, scarves, and gloves and delivered them to their The Mustard Seed.

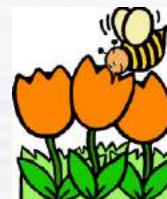
For their February "Stay at Home Project" we asked members to make Homemade Valentines. **Pam Kabulski** delivered them to the VA Hospital and **Tressa Wolfe** checked to see if the area nursing home accepted cards.

Congratulations to the three NCJA "2020 Busy Bee Award Winners"

Linda Rohrig-Helmick
Pam Kabulski and
Mary Rose Mustachio

These three members participated in all of the club's 2020 "Stay and Home" and "Change Makes a Difference Projects".

Way to BUZZ Ladies!



Mountaineer Clubwomen made over 100 toboggan ornaments and attached each to a Christmas card. Club President **Fay Massullo** and member **Beth Papandreas** delivered them to the WV Veterans Nursing Facility and met with the activities volunteer.



GFWC FAIRMONT WOMAN'S CLUB



The Fairmont Clubwomen decorated the Clubhouse beautifully in anticipation of our annual Christmas tea and bake sale, but it was canceled because of the virus spiking.



Coffee mugs filled with candy were given to the Marion County Rescue Squad as a thank you for all they do.



Clubwomen worked organizing donated items for our "Blessings from the Basement" project. During 2020, this project helped get 60 households settled in their homes by supplying furniture, appliances, and household goods. **Barb Haddad, Nancy Porter and Marcella Yaremchuk.**

Bluewell Woman's Club

The club delivered a monthly lunch to Loving Hands on February 25th. The facility is back up to full capacity housing 16 residents.

Scholarship applications have been delivered to the area high schools for both the State and Club scholarships.

March is **Women's History Month**, so take some time and research some famous women and their contributions to our American history.

March is also **Youth Art Month**. **Read Across America** happens on March 2nd (Tuesday) this year. They are challenging Club members to read to a child on the 2nd.

Cultural diversity and compassion for others is the theme for 2021.

The club sees that the Bluewell Blessing Box is being kept fully stocked.

The club also recycles in Bluewell is Monday, March 8th.



SPRING CONTRIBUTORS

Tuesday Arts Club of Moundsville
GFWC Parkersburg Woman's Club
GFWC WV Peterstown Woman's Club
McDowell Woman's Club
GFWC Shady Spring District Woman's Club
GFWC WV Woman's Club of Grafton
GFWC Moorefield Woman's Club
GFWC Bluewell Woman's Club
North Central Junior Alumnae
GFWC Weirton Woman's Club

GFWC Woman's Club of Dunbar

The **GFWC Woman's Club of Dunbar** has been working hard since September 2020 in making our nursing home residents feel loved. We know with everything shut down, that it is hard for the residents to feel as if they have anyone thinking about them. One of our members has a daughter who is in a local Girl Scout Troop. She started a project to make homemade greeting cards with handwritten messages for the residents in nursing homes. When she asked if we would like to help, our ladies jumped into action. Between September and the end of December 2020, our ladies have made over 1,500 cards to be distributed to 14 different nursing homes across our region. We have made birthday, holiday, and just pick-me-up cards. We have decided to carry this project on throughout 2021.



The **GFWC Woman's Club of Dunbar** scheduled and held a March on August 25th in honor of the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote. We stood at the corner of our busiest intersection in Dunbar, WV. We had five members from the Dunbar Woman's Club and we also invited the **South Charleston Club** to join us.



Left to right: Woman's Club of Dunbar members, Karen Henson-Bibbee; Sue Scipio; Sierra Sovine; Sharon Pearson; Connie Boardman Ondo.



Woman's Club of Dunbar and South Charleston Members



GFWC West Virginia Basket Raffle

**Support GFWC West Virginia Today!!!
Get your tickets for this amazing Raffle!**

You may participate in a variety of ways. We hope you will get your tickets ASAP. The drawing will be held at the GFWC WV Board meeting in March. We've made it easy for you to participate – even online! Details are below:

\$5 per ticket (6 baskets to be given away) Purchase by:

Venmo – details below

PayPal – details below – select Friends & Family

Credit Card - phone number below

Check – FOR THOSE WHO DON'T "DO" ONLINE -- MAIL BY MARCH 1ST: Cindy Jenkins 287 Coal Run, Albright, WV 26519

**GFWC WEST VIRGINIA & TWISTED SISTERS
2021 RAFFLE TICKETS ARE \$5.00 EACH**

VENMO ACCOUNT is JoAnne-Siders

PAYPAL sidersjewelers@yahoo.com - If using PayPal select Friends & Family

CREDIT/DEBIT CALL 304-675-3400 OR EMAIL cindyjenkins@frontiernet.net

OR SEND A CHECK PAYABLE TO GFWC WV By MARCH 1st.

DEADLINE FOR TICKET SALES IS TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021 (if you are mailing a check to Cindy, that deadline for postmark would be March 1st)

BUY AS MANY TICKETS AS YOU'D LIKE! ALL MONEY GOES TO GFWC OF WV. BASKETS ARE PAMPERED POOCH / BEE HAPPY / BUNNY KISSES / SPRING HAS SPRUNG / LIFE IS A BOWL OF CHERRIES / LUCKY DUCK

DELIVERY - Anyone can participate and you may be asked to pay postage for your item if you cannot pick it up at Siders Jewelers or a Board Member cannot deliver it to you. We want to thank Twisted Sisters for their sponsorship of this raffle. They donated the Spring Has Spring gift and are giving ALL proceeds to GFWC West Virginia. Find us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/238062427281933/permalink/423726518715522/>

Spring has Sprung



Life is a Bowl of Cherries



Bee Happy



Pampered Pooch



Lucky Ducky



Bunny Kisses



GFWC West Virginia Annual Convention

The Greenbrier

White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia

855-453-4858

All GFWC Club Members and Guests are invited.

Hostess Clubs: Central District, President Dr. Cynthia Kolsun

North Central District, President Donna Mick

State Meetings Planner, Patricia Walker

Pamela McCoy, State President

Terri Diamond, Recording Secretary

Representation to Convention:

Article VI – Convention

Section 1. Annual Conventions. The State Federation shall hold an annual convention. The time and place are to be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 2. Representation. The Voting body shall be:

- a. Accredited voting delegates or alternates from clubs in active membership as follows: one from each club of ten (10) members or major fraction thereof plus the club president or her alternate, whose dues have been paid in full by December first of the preceding year; one for each additional ten (10) members or major fraction thereof. Clubs with less than ten (10) members shall be represented by the club president or her alternate.
- b. Members of the Executive Board and Council.
 - a. Members of the Scholarship Fund Board.
 - b. No voting delegate, officer, or alternate shall act as representative of more than one club.
 - c. Each voting delegate must personally present her credential card to the credentials committee at the annual convention. There shall be no proxies.
 - d. Voting delegates shall register in one capacity.
 - e. Members of clubs belonging to GFWC West Virginia who are not voting delegates may attend the convention and shall be designated as non-voting delegates. They shall not make motions or vote.

Section 4. Credentials/Registrations.

- a. The President shall appoint a credentials/registration chairman to receive advance registration for convention. She shall prepare for the credentials committee a list of delegates paying registration fees. She shall give bond for an amount approved by the Executive Board and paid for by GFWC West Virginia funds.
- b. A committee on credentials, consisting of nine members, shall be appointed by the President. These members shall be from clubs in good standing from the hostess district or districts. The Chairman of Credentials shall report to the Convention. It shall be the duty of the committee to: Register all voting delegates, non-voting delegates and visitors attending convention; certify the eligibility of voting delegates; and see that each registered voting delegates has a credential card.

- c. In order to vote, each accredited voting delegate must have her credential card checked in person at registration desk. A voting delegate must have her credential card checked by the Committee on Elections who shall have a list of eligible voters for each club provided by the Credentials/Registration Chairman.
- d. Registration shall close at 11:00 a.m. on day of election.

Standing Rules C. **State Convention**

- 1. A pre-registration fee of twenty (\$20.00) per capita shall be required of each voting delegate, club member or visitor attending convention. Any delegate, club member or visitor who registers after the registration deadline shall pay twenty-five (\$25.00). The registration fee shall be used in financing the convention.
- 2. All convention attendees staying off site shall pay a service fee assessed by the Greenbrier commencing with the 2012 State Convention.

Bylaw Article VIII – **Nominations and Elections**

Section 1. Nominations. The responsibility of the Committee on Nominations and Elections shall be to present one or more names for each office of the State Federation except President. The committee shall be composed of nine (9) members which shall be the chairman and one representative from each district within GFWC West Virginia.

- a. The chairman and an alternate, in case the chairman cannot serve, shall be elected at the annual convention in the odd-numbered calendar years. Nominations shall be made from the floor during the first business meeting of the convention.

Section 3. Elections.

- a. Elections shall be by ballot on the afternoon of Convention preceding the closing meeting. Polls shall be open as published in the Convention Call and the Convention Program. To be eligible to vote a delegate shall register and receive her election credentials no later than 11:00 a.m. on the day of election. A plurality vote shall elect. There shall be no proxies. Only those with proper credentials shall vote. Registration shall close at 11:00 a.m. preceding the election. The Chairman of the Committee on Nominations and Elections shall report to the President as soon as voting is closed and results are available. The President shall notify each candidate immediately of election results, upon receiving said report.
- b. Elections shall be conducted by the Committee on Nominations and Elections.

Article XXIX - **Amendments**

These bylaws may be amended at any annual convention by a two-thirds vote of voting delegates present and providing the proposed amendment has been appended to the Call to convention.

ARTS and CRAFTS EXHIBIT

The Arts and Crafts Exhibit will be located in the designated area of Chesapeake Hall. Janice Stone, Arts and Crafts Exhibit Chairman, and members of the Arts and Crafts Team, will accept entries between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon on Friday, March 20. Judging will be Friday afternoon. The exhibit will be open for viewing after judging is completed and remain open

judging is completed and remain open Friday and Saturday. All entries must be removed at the close of the Saturday afternoon session.

GFWC Creative Arts Programs

The GFWC Photography Contest First Place Winners will be on display in Chesapeake Hall. See Linda Lemaster about the photos. The First Place Winners in the Writing Contest will be announced during the awards. All other entries will be returned in the President's Packets. The State Chairmen will mail the First Place winners to GFWC for national judging. Winning entries will not be returned per person guidelines in the GFWC Manual.

GFWC WV Pennies for Arts Contest

The Pennies for Arts Contest will be located in the designated area of Chesapeake Hall. Leigh Ann Gardner, Chairman, will accept entries between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon on Friday, March 20. Judging will be Friday afternoon. The exhibit will be open for viewing after judging is completed and remain open until 5:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, March 21 from 8:30 a.m. to closing. All entries must be removed at the close of the Saturday afternoon session.

Junior/General Luncheon

A special event on Saturday, March 21, will be the joint Junior/General Luncheon open to all club women. Be sure to make your luncheon reservation when you send in your convention registration. "Battle For The Ballot" is the theme. Come and see how it happened.

Service Project

Our Children's Hospitals have been so busy that they need more books for their young patients. Please bring **new** books for any age group from pre-school to high school. This is one way we can be a part of their healing. Bring the books to registration or the luncheon. The hospitals appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Miscellaneous

Lost and Found will be available at the convention. The meeting planner, Patricia Walker, will be able to alert conventioners of items found when making announcements.

Vendors – GFWC West Virginia Fundraising and Vendors will be located in Chesapeake Bay.

Photographer – Josh Trigg will serve as convention photographer. Besides group photos Josh would enjoy taking special requests. He will be present through Sunday morning at the Presidents Meeting in the Conference Center on the 2nd floor.

PRE-CONVENTION, POST CONVENTION, AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Thursday, March 19, 2020

2:00 p.m. Budget Committee
Congressional Suite #5223

8:00p.m. Executive Board Meeting
Conference Center, 2nd floor
McKinley Room

Friday, March 20, 2020

3:30 p.m. Scholarship Fund Board Suite #5223

6:00 p.m. Past State Presidents' Dinner
Main Dining Room

6:00 p.m. Junior Gathering, #5223 Suite

Sunday, March 22, 2020**Receptions**

8:30 a.m. Packet Pickup and
Photo Display and Orders
Conference Center Hallway
2nd Floor

Friday Evening in honor of GFWC First Vice President
Deb Strahanoski

9:00 a.m. GFWC WV Board, Council,
and Club Presidents Meeting
Hayes Room, Conference Center

Saturday Evening in honor of newly installed officers
2020 - 2022

CONVENTION PROGRAM**March 20 – 21, 2020****Chesapeake Hall****Friday Afternoon Session**

1:30 p.m. Official Opening of the 114th Annual GFWC West Virginia Convention
Opening Ceremony: Pamela McCoy, GFWC WV President presiding
Preliminary Report of Credentials Committee, Convention Rules and Convention Program
Business Sessions: Reports GFWC WV Executive Committee, Executive Board,
Consideration of Recommendations on Bylaws, and Resolutions
Report of the GFWC WV Committee on Nominations and Elections
Awards: Clubwoman Advertising, Communications & Public Relations, Support Fund, Fund Raising, GFWC WV Scholarship Fund, Pearl S. Buck Birthplace, WHRC, 1734 Society, and Legislative and Public Policy

Friday Evening Session

7:45 p.m. Processional Line-up

8:00 p.m. Processional

GFWC WV Executive Committee, GFWC WV District Presidents, GFWC Officer, Past State Presidents, Past State Directors of Junior Clubs. Special Seating for Club Presidents and District Presidents.

Parade of Presidents recognition of Honor, Superior, and Rhododendron Awards.

Keynote Address: GFWC First Vice President Deb Strahanoski

Awards: Leadership, Maxine Scarbro Leadership, Linda Messinger Junior Award, Membership Advancement, Largest Percentage of Membership Increase, GFWC Star Awards, Maxine Scarbro Junior Membership Award, LEADS

Saturday Morning Session

9:00 a.m. Inspiration, Memorial Service, Memorial for Past State President, Past Presidents Review
Awards: Arts and Crafts Exhibit, GFWC Writing Contest, GFWC Photography, Community Improvement Contest, Arts CSP and Pennies for Arts

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Junior/General Luncheon – “Battle For The Ballot”
Inspiration, Keynote speakers, Presentation of Junior of the Year Nominees, Special Project: New Children’s Books for WV Children’s Hospitals

Noon – 2:00 p.m. POLLS OPEN for Voting in Registration Area. Registration closes at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon Session

2:15 p.m. District Presidents Report
Awards: Conservation CSP, Education CSP, Home Life CSP, Public Issues CSP International Outreach CSP

Saturday Evening Session

7:45 p.m. Processional Line-up

8:00 p.m. Processional
GFWC WV Executive Board, GFWC Officer and Chairman, GFWC WV 50 year Members, GFWC WV Lifetime Members.
Awards: Junior Month Award, Best Overall Club, Junior of the Year, Spirit Stick, GFWC Junior Special Project,
West Virginia’s Children’s Hospitals-GFWC WV President and Director of Junior Clubs Special Project
GFWC Signature Project
Final Credential Report
Report of Nominations and Election Committee.

Invitation to 115th GFWC WV Convention.

Closing.

2020 Proposed Revisions to GFWC West Virginia Bylaws

Words inserted or added are underlined;

Words removed are struck-out

Current Reading	Proposed Revision	Rationale
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<p>ARTICLE IV - CONSTITUENT DIVISIONS</p> <p>Section 1. The Constituent Divisions:</p> <p>a. The State Federation shall be divided into eight geographic districts to be known as Capitol, Central, Eastern, North Central, Northern, Southern, Southwestern, and Western.</p> <p>Capitol District: Counties - Boone, Clay, Fayette, Kanawha and Putnam.</p> <p>Central District: Counties - Barbour, Braxton, Gilmer, Lewis, Nicholas, Randolph, Tucker, Upshur, and Webster.</p> <p>Eastern District: Counties - Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan and Pendleton.</p> <p>North Central District: Counties - Harrison, Marion, Monongalia, Preston and Taylor.</p> <p>Northern District: Counties - Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio, Tyler and Wetzel.</p> <p>Southern District: Counties - Greenbrier, McDowell, Mercer, Monroe, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers and Wyoming.</p> <p>Southwestern District: Counties - Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo and Wayne.</p> <p>Western District: Counties - Calhoun, Doddridge, Jackson, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt and Wood.</p>	<p>ARTICLE IV - CONSTITUENT DIVISIONS</p> <p>Section 1. The Constituent Divisions:</p> <p>a. The State Federation shall be divided into eight seven geographic districts to be known as Capitol, Central, Eastern, North Central, Northern, Southern, Southwestern, and Western.</p> <p>Capitol District: Counties –Boone, <u>Braxton</u> Clay, Fayette, Kanawha, <u>Nicholas</u>, Putnam, and Webster.</p> <p>Central District: Counties - Barbour, Braxton, Gilmer, Lewis, Nicholas, Randolph, Tucker, Upshur, and Webster.</p> <p>Eastern District: Counties - Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan, Pendleton, and <u>Tucker</u>.</p> <p>North Central District: Counties – <u>Barbour</u>, Harrison, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, <u>Randolph</u>, Taylor, and <u>Upshur</u>.</p> <p>Northern District: Counties - Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio, Tyler and Wetzel.</p> <p>Southern District: Counties - Greenbrier, McDowell, Mercer, Monroe, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers and Wyoming.</p> <p>Southwestern District: Counties - Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo and Wayne.</p> <p>Western District: Counties - Calhoun, Doddridge, <u>Gilmer</u>, Jackson, <u>Lewis</u>, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt and Wood.</p>	<p>Geographic changes due to the dissolution of Central District.</p>

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<p>ARTICLE IX - EXECUTIVE BOARD, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL</p> <p>Section 1. DEFINITION. The Executive Board shall consist of:</p> <p>b. Appointed Personnel: A Corresponding Secretary, Parliamentarian, Fund Raising Chairman, and six (6) Community Service Program Chairmen who shall be approved by the Executive Board. All Juniors and Generals with membership in clubs with active membership are eligible for these appointments.</p>	<p>ARTICLE IX - EXECUTIVE BOARD, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL</p> <p>Section 1. DEFINITION. The Executive Board shall consist of:</p> <p>b. Appointed Personnel: A Corresponding Secretary, Parliamentarian, Fund Raising Chairman, and six (6) Community Service Program Chairmen who shall be approved by the Executive Board. All Juniors and Generals with membership in clubs with active membership are eligible for these appointments.</p>	<p>Delete the word 'six' and number "6"</p> <p>GFWC has reduced the number of Community Service Programs.</p>

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<p>ARTICLE IX - EXECUTIVE BOARD, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL</p> <p>Section 4. DUTIES</p> <p>I. Scholarship Board Chairman. The Chairman shall give bond for an amount approved by the State President and the Scholarship Board and paid for by the Scholarship funds. She shall make a detailed annual report to the GFWC West Virginia Executive Board. She shall submit all financial records to the GFWC West Virginia Treasurer for inclusion in the GFWC West Virginia annual financial review.</p>	<p>ARTICLE IX - EXECUTIVE BOARD, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL</p> <p>Section 4. DUTIES</p> <p>I. Scholarship Board Chairman. The Chairman shall give bond for an amount approved by the State President and the Scholarship Board and paid for by the Scholarship funds. The Chairman shall make a detailed annual report to the GFWC West Virginia Executive Board. She shall submit all financial records to the GFWC West Virginia Treasurer for inclusion in the GFWC West Virginia annual financial review.</p>	<p>Remove the first sentence. The chairman does not handle any money.</p>

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<p>ARTICLE XI - PROGRAMS AND COMMITTEES</p> <p>Section 4. REPORT. Each chairman shall submit a report as requested by the President. She shall keep a complete record of the work done and shall deliver the record to her successor within one month after expiration of the term of office. A summary of work completed shall be included in the Directory in the even numbered calendar year covering the projects and activities of the immediate past administration.</p>	<p>ARTICLE XI - PROGRAMS AND COMMITTEES</p> <p>Section 4. REPORT. Each chairman shall submit a send <u>her award entry</u> report as requested by <u>to</u> the President <u>and First Vice President</u>. She shall keep a complete record of the work done and shall deliver the record to her successor within one month after expiration of the term of office. A summary of work completed shall be included in the Directory in the even numbered calendar year covering the projects and activities of the immediate past administration.</p>	<p>Clarification of chairman duties.</p>